

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES

The Tennessee Department of Veteran Services is reaching out to each county to locate or help establish community Coalitions or Alliances that are meeting, networking, and collaborating to advocate, educate, and provide resources for their service members, Veterans, and their families.

We hope to assist in the creation of or to build upon existing collaborating efforts that fit each communities' size and needs.



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WHAT ARE COALITIONS?

“There is strength in numbers, but organizing those numbers is one of the great challenges.”

-John C Mather



WHY ARE VETERAN COALITIONS NEEDED?

Veteran Coalitions are needed to improve the quality of life of their Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) through financial stability and a healthy Veteran with a stable family. We do this by ensuring they are awarded and have access to all of their earned benefits.

Improving Economic Stability for our SMVF

by:

- Receiving compensation benefits
 - Pensions
- Eligibility for VA home loans
- Eligibility for education benefits
 - Aid and attendance
 - DIC Payments
- Access to housing and basic needs



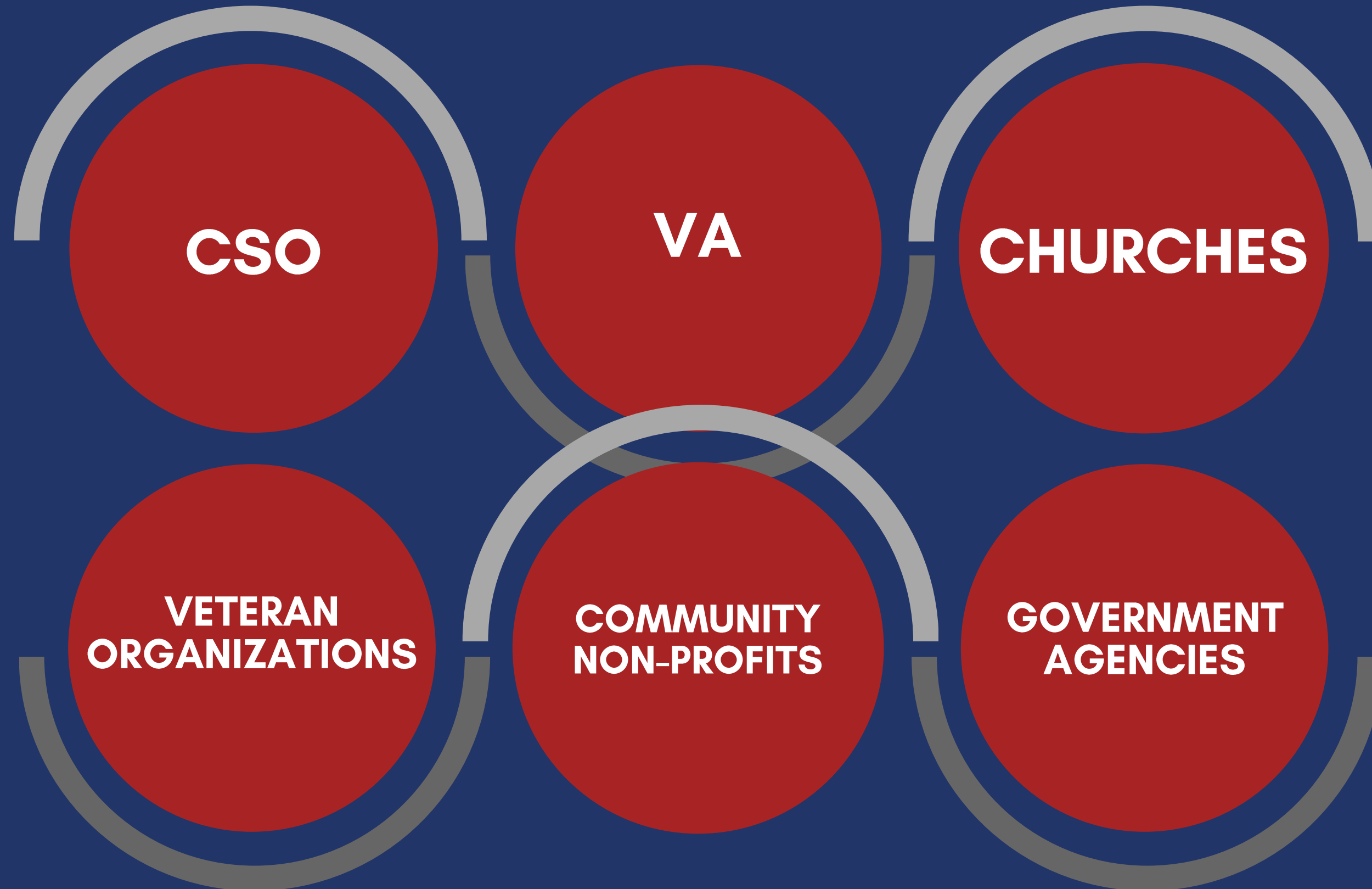
A Healthy Veteran and Stable Family

by:

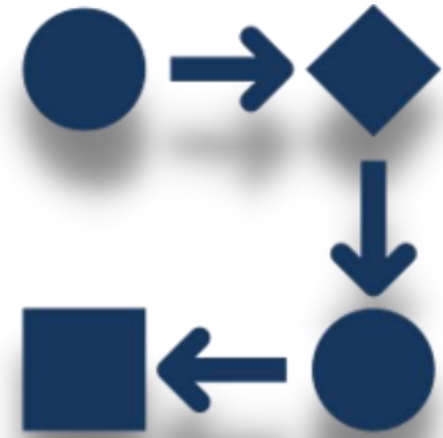
- Accessing physical health care, of both a preventative and situational nature
- Accessing mental health care
- Substance abuse treatment
- Reconnecting to a new “tribe”
 - Finding a new mission
- Finding ways to get physically active

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

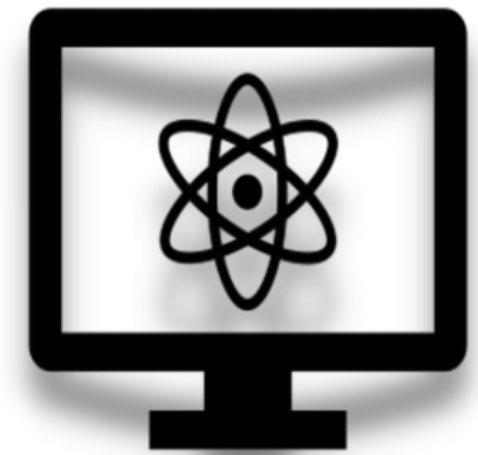
RESOURCES, EDUCATION, & COLLABORATION



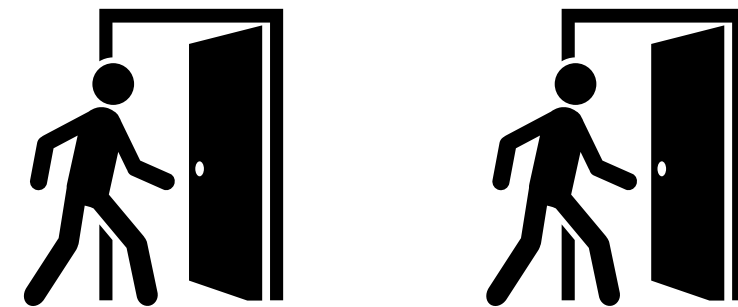
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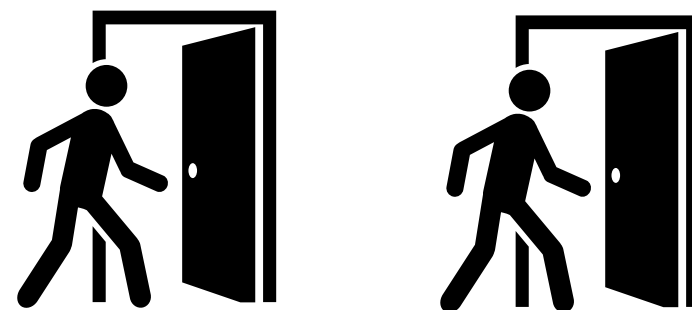
Another member steps in to resource & case manage when a member has a need for or can no longer assist a Veteran client because of scope of service.



Brings together all that are committed to bettering their Veteran community & providing opportunities for members to share education, resources, best practices, & benefit information to identify Veteran issues & create solutions within the group.



SOLUTIONS



Educate Veterans and their families, civilians, community leaders, & legislators on veteran issues, needs, successes, & solutions. Implement solutions using resources already available in their community before creating or asking for something new.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

There is **hope**.
There is **help**.

HELP a loved one,
a friend,
or yourself.



VETERAN & MILITARY CRISIS RESOURCES

DIAL **988** VETERANS
PRESS 1



TEXT "TN"
TO
741741

BILLY GRAHAM
PRAYER LINE
888-388-2683



SUICIDE PREVENTION

- Reducing the risk factors that lead to suicidal ideations and intervening before a crisis by reducing service silos, bridging gaps, increasing access to resources, and providing a flow of local Veteran information.
- Provide suicide prevention classes to front line workers that may be first to see risk factors and least likely to have training.
- Connects Veterans to each other and the community they live in.
- Distributing suicide prevention cards to every citizen empowers them to become part of the solution.

INCREASE VETERAN ECONOMIC IMPACTS

MOCO VETERAN ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$2,692,490,213

OF VETERAN ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANNUALLY



FORT CAMPBELL IS THE

#1

INSTALLATION IN RETAINING TRANSITIONING SOLDIERS AT 34%, FOLLOWED BY FT. RUCKERS & FT. BRAGG

\$106,975,213

TRICARE DOLLARS SPENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN 2022



CLARKSVILLE - MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS THE HOME TO

33,670

VETERANS,
20% BEING FEMALE

30%

OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM IS ACTIVE DUTY DEPENDENTS

51,480

ACTIVE DUTY FAMILIES

IN 2021, MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAD

\$1.8 B

DOLLARS GENERATED FROM VA LOANS COMING FROM 7,752 CLOSINGS.



\$560,958,000 COMPENSATION DISABILITY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

EDUCATION BENEFITS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY **\$55,535,000**

\$169,022,000 VA MEDICAL CARE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

5 OF OUR 12

MEMBERS OF OUR CITY COUNCIL ARE VETERANS.

10 OF OUR 21

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE ALSO VETERANS.

TOTAL VA HOME LOANS

2021 **7,752**

2015 **3,609**

https://www.benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/lender_county_volume.as



TOTAL VA HOME LOANS TOTALING **\$1.8 BILLION**

Totals of Unique Veteran Visits to Clarksville Clinic

2022 **17,507**

2020 **14,186**

Since establishing the Coalition, VA home loans in our area have increased by **115%**.

Increase in unique Veteran visits to our Clarksville clinic by **23%**, with an additional **8,749** Veterans sent to community care between 2020-2022.

These increases are due in part to our local county Veteran Service Organization filing **27,490** claims in a 3-year period.

In the past year, zip code 37042 had the highest amount of compensation **NATIONWIDE!**

INCREASE VETERAN ECONOMIC IMPACTS

2022-Montgomery County versus Shelby County in Comparision to State Wide

	Montgomery County	Shelby County	Davidson County	State of Tennessee
Veteran Population	33,670 7.6%	53,122 11.9%	33,695 7.6%	444,482
Total Expenditures	\$786,016,000 11.8%	\$802,812,000 12%	\$543,624,000 8.1%	\$6,678,288,000
Total Compensation	\$560,958,000 15.2%	\$361,394,000 9.8%	\$188,503,000 5.1%	\$3,698,621,000
Education & Vocational Rehab	\$55,535,000 24.6%	\$21,652,000 9.6%	\$17,608,000 7.8%	\$225,193,000

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If you would like to find out more about starting a
Veteran Coalition or already have a Veteran Coalition,
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